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Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Harrisburg in Pennsylvania. Both in terms of academic instruction and communications with and among our schools, Comcast Business has been an important business partner to the Diocese. This letter is intended to express support for the proposed Comcast/Time Warner Cable transaction.

Established in 1868 and located in Central Pennsylvania, the Diocese of Harrisburg encompasses 97 parishes and missions, covering 15 counties and 7,660 square miles. We educate over 11,000 students in 41 schools in that area.

A strong communications infrastructure helps us to achieve our mission. We currently subscribe to services from Comcast Business and are impressed with the speed and efficiency of service.

We utilize a Wide Area Network via Comcast that connects many of our schools. This network allows us to integrate the latest and emerging technologies seamlessly into the curriculum in order to provide greater breadth and depth to the existing educational program.

We have been able to expand the educational program through the use of technology in order to meet the needs of the learners within Diocese of Harrisburg schools. The use of technology has helped our schools to enhance critical thinking and problem solving skills and to provide equitable and extensive hands-on experiences with instructional technologies for learners of all ages.

The WAN has enabled us to deliver educational content and business services as well as to provide a means to share and access information for students, teachers and administrative staff through the use of the Internet, Intranets, and other services provided by the WAN.

We appreciate your consideration of our views and hope that the FCC keeps this in mind as it reviews the Comcast/Time Warner Cable transaction.

Sincerely,

Livia Riley
Superintendent of Schools
Diocese of Harrisburg